विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती उर्मिला चिमनभाई पटेल): (क) और (ख) देश में कुल अधिष्ठापित विद्युत उत्पादन क्षमता वर्ष 1947 में 1362 मेगावाट से बढ़कर 31.3.95 की स्थिति के अनुसार 81164.41 मेगावाट हो गई है।

(ग) और (घ) ऊर्जा में कमी हुई है जिसका ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है:—

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Coverage of more areas of Bihar under Doordarshan

847. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any measures to bring more areas in Bihar under Doordarshan coverage during the coming year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of villages/towns in Bihar not covered by Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) Whereas satellite derived service of Doordarshan is available throughout the country, including the entire State of Bihar, by using an appropriate dish antenna system, terrestrial transmission is also available, wholly or partially, to all the districts of Bihar covering an estimated 92.8% area of the State. 21 more TV transmitters of varying powers are presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up in Bihar. With the commissioning of these projects, the terrestrial TV service is expected to increase to 96.6% area of the State.

Simplification of Direct Taxes Law

848. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a group has been constituted by Government in the Central Board of Direct Taxes to recommend simplification of Direct Taxes Laws;

(b) whether the group has submitted their recommendations; and

(c) if so, the details of the recommendations and action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The Government have constituted four Study Groups of officers of Income-tax Department with a view to removing procedural hardships and simplify some of the complicated legal provisions.

(b) and (c) Recommendations of some of the groups have been received and are under process. Further recommendations are awaited.

Simplified Income Tax-Structure

849. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any scheme about rationalisation and simplification of procedures of income tax structure in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) Rationalisation and simplification of procedures of Income-tax structure in the country is a continuous exercise and is engaging the attention of the Government for a long time. During this year with a view to removing procedural hardships and simplify some of the complicated legal provisions, Government has constituted four study Groups of officers of the Income-tax Department to look into specific areas. The suggestions of these groups shall be considered alongwith other pre-budget momoranda received from trade and professional bodies and suggestions received from others.

Financial Assistance by NABARD to States

850. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a considerable amount is yet to be released by (NABARD) to various States in respect of amounts paid by them under Agriculture and Rural Debt Relief Scheme of 1990-91;

(b) if so, the details of amount to be released, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for delay in release of these dues; and

(d) the time by when all overdue amounts are likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) and (b) National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that an amount of Rs. 1.168 crores is yet to be released by way of grant and loan to Jammu and Kashmir State Co-operative Bank Ltd. by way of final settlement. The claims of all other co-operative banks in other States to the extent admissible have been settled.

(c) and (d) The release of dues in respect of Jammu & Kashmir SCB Ltd. was delayed in view of the non-availability of annewari certificate in certain districts of the State, as provided for in the provisions of the Agricultural & Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990. The disbursement of funds is consequent on release of funds by the RBI.

Financial Assistance for Encouraging Adventure Tourism in Gujarat

851. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Gujarat Government seeking financial assistance for encouraging adventure tourism in the State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken to accord sanction to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Based on the proposals received from the State Government, Central financial assistance was provided for the implementation of following projects for encouraging adventure tourism in Gujarat: